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IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

1 - 3. (canceled)

4. (currently amended) The ~~business~~ method of claim ~~21, 3~~, wherein said ~~computer application program~~ second resource planning process comprises a process of an Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP) applications system.

5. (currently amended) The ~~business~~ method of claim ~~21, 3~~, wherein said ~~e-business capability~~ first shopping process comprises a process of a the WebSphere™ Commerce Suite of applications:

6. The ~~business~~ method of claim ~~21, 4~~, wherein said ~~other parties~~ comprise parties selected from the group consisting of: including the step of:
executing an application for a banking transaction process on the data center host computer system.
customers of said vendors;
banks of said vendors;
banks of said customers;
business partners of said vendors; and
banks of said business partners.

7. (currently amended) The ~~business~~ method of claim 4, wherein said second resource planning process ~~ERP system~~ comprises a process of an the-SAP™ ERP application system.

8. (canceled)

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9. (currently amended) The ~~business method~~ of claim ~~21, 8,~~ wherein said second integration process capability comprises a process of an the-MQ Series™ of applications.
~~integration solution.~~

10 - 13. (canceled)

14. (currently amended) The system of claim ~~22, 13,~~ wherein said ~~computer application program~~ second resource planning process comprises a process of an Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP) application. ~~system.~~

15. (currently amended) The system of claim ~~22, 13,~~ wherein said ~~e-business capability~~ first shopping process comprises a process of an the-WebSphere™ Commerce Suite of applications.

16. (currently amended) The system of claim ~~23, 11,~~ wherein said ~~other parties~~ comprise parties selected from the group consisting of: including:
an application stored on the hosting system and operable as banking transaction process executing on the host computer system.

~~customers of said vendors;~~
~~banks of said vendors;~~
~~banks of said customers;~~
~~business partners of said vendors; and~~
~~banks of said business partners.~~

17. (currently amended) The system of claim 14, wherein said second resource planning process ~~ERP system~~ comprises a process of an the-SAP™ ERP application. ~~system.~~

18. (canceled)

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19. (currently amended) The system of claim ~~22, 18~~, wherein said second integration process capability comprises a process of an the MQ Series™ of applications. integration solution.

20. (canceled)

21. (new) A method for offering hosting services, comprising the steps of:

a) hosting a plurality of applications on a host computer system at a data center, wherein hosting the applications includes:

executing an application for a first shopping process on the data center host computer system, the first shopping process being accessible to shoppers by Internet communications wherein the first shopping process performs the step of:

a first hosting service step, the first hosting service step including:

communicating with a first integration process and a first resource planning process via Internet communications to transact first sales, wherein the first resource planning process is a process of a first resource planning application on a host computer system located remotely from the data center and the first integration process is a process of a first integration application on a host computer system located remotely from the data center;

executing an application for a second resource planning process on the data center host computer system, wherein the second resource planning process performs the step of:

a second hosting service step, the second hosting service step including:

communicating with a production process via Internet or dedicated link communications, wherein the production process is a process of a second production application on a host computer located remotely from the data center;

and

executing an application for a second integration process on the data center host computer system, wherein the second integration process performs the steps of:

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a third hosting service step, the third hosting service step including:

coupling communications between the first shopping process and the second resource planning process to transact second sales;

a fourth hosting service step, the fourth hosting service step including:

coupling communications between the second resource planning process and a second shopping process, wherein the second shopping process is a process of a second shopping application accessible to shoppers by Internet communications on a host computer located remotely from the data center, the communications between the second resource planning process and the second shopping process being Internet communications to transact third sales;

a fifth hosting service step, the fifth hosting service step including:

coupling communications between the first shopping process and a third resource planning process to transact fourth sales, wherein the third resource planning process is a process of a third resource planning application on a host computer located remotely from the data center;

and

a sixth hosting service step, the sixth hosting service step including:

coupling communications between a certain process and a third shopping process, wherein the third shopping process is a process of a third shopping application accessible to shoppers by Internet communications on a host computer located remotely from the data center and the certain process is a process of a certain application on a host computer located remotely from the data center;

and

b) offering to customers a selection of hosting services, wherein the customers may select for the host computer system to perform one or more of the first, second third, fourth, fifth and sixth hosting service steps.

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22. (new) A hosting system comprising:

a host computer system at a data center hosting a plurality of applications, the applications including:

a first application stored on the hosting system and operable as a first shopping process executing on the host computer system, the first shopping process being accessible to shoppers by Internet communications, the first shopping process further being operable to perform a first hosting service step, wherein the first hosting service step includes:

communicating with a first integration process and a first resource planning process via Internet communications to transact first sales, wherein the first resource planning process is a process of a first resource planning application on a host computer system located remotely from the data center and the first integration process is a process of a first integration application on a host computer system located remotely from the data center;

a second application stored on the hosting system and operable as a second resource planning process executing on the host computer system, the second resource planning process further being operable to perform a second hosting service step, wherein the second hosting service step includes:

communicating with a production process via Internet or dedicated link communications, wherein the production process is a process of a second production application on a host computer located remotely from the data center;
and

a third application stored on the hosting system and operable as a second integration process executing on the host computer system, the second integration process further being operable to perform a number of hosting service steps including:

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a third hosting service step including:

coupling communications between the first shopping process and the second resource planning process to transact second sales;

a fourth hosting service step including:

coupling communications between the second resource planning process and a second shopping process, wherein the second shopping process is a process of a second shopping application accessible to shoppers by Internet communications on a host computer located remotely from the data center, the communications between the second resource planning process and the second shopping process being Internet communications to transact third sales;

a fifth hosting service step including:

coupling communications between the first shopping process and a third resource planning process to transact fourth sales, wherein the third resource planning process is a process of a third resource planning application on a host computer located remotely from the data center;

and

a sixth hosting service step including:

coupling communications between a certain process and a third shopping process, wherein the third shopping process is a process of a third shopping application accessible to shoppers by Internet communications on a host computer located remotely from the data center and the certain process is a process of a certain application on a host computer located remotely from the data center;

wherein the host computer system is operable to offer to customers a selection of hosting services, such that the customers may select for the host computer system to perform one or more of the first, second third, fourth, fifth and sixth hosting service steps.